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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

25X1 1. Talked with [] OSI, and others regarding my
conversations with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
staff, on the subject of Project [] and the Joint Committee's query 25X1
to Dr. Jack P. Ruina, of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, on
whether some of the presently classified material on the detection of
25X1 nuclear explosions could be declassified. [] explained some of
the problems which might be involved in this and subsequently talked
with [] 25X1
(see [] memo for the record) on this subject. In addition, I
talked with Colonel Coe, in the Legislative Liaison Office of Defense.
Colonel Coe said that he believed he had convinced his people that
their testimony next week should be limited to Project [] 25X1
Colonel Coe said that this matter with the Joint Committee had been brought to
the attention of the Secretary of Defense who did not believe it would be
in the best interest of the United States to declassify many of the presently
classified information on the subject of our detection systems and the
location of installations, however, he thought the matter should be taken
25X1 up with the USIB. (This has been passed on to [], Executive
Secretary of USIB.) I subsequently advised Mr. Murphy that the Air
Force and the AEC were the departments primarily concerned with []
and as far as we were concerned there was no classified information
involved, that if the Committee was interested in having any other informa-
tion declassified by the intelligence community, this was an entirely
different subject. I added, however, that Ruina had not taken this matter
up with any of our people.

2. Mr. Murphy attempted to have me call Ruina on this but I
declined to do so indicating that if ARPA had a problem on this it was up
to them to raise the issue.

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3. Later in the day, Mr. Murphy advised me he had talked with Ted George, in Ruina's office, who confirmed that the matter had not been taken up with the Agency or "the intelligence community" and Murphy also mentioned that the matter had been brought to the attention of Secretary McNamara. At this point, I feel that we have no obligation to the Joint Committee or to anyone else on this subject.



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